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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 06, 2006, the period of response having been extended one (1) month by the accompanying petition and fee authorization, please enter the following amendments and remarks. It is believed that no other fees are due with this response; however, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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